

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

CITY COUNCIL.

The Council met on Monday, pursuant to adjournment, in the Town Hall, at half-past seven, when the following were present:—The Mayor; Alderman Wilshire, Brougham, Macdormont, Flood; Councillors Jenkins, Neale, Brown, Henderson, Josephson, Agars, Driver, Thurlow, Iredale, Fisher, Ryan, Cowlishaw, Coyle, Wilkie, and Holden.

After the Town Clerk had read the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, they were signed by the Mayor; after which the Mayor stated that leave of absence had been granted to Councillors Smidt, Sillitoe, and Chapman, in consequence of their attendance being required as judges in the Supreme Court; also to Councillor Little, as he was about to leave the city for a short time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Alderman Wilshire brought up a revised Report of the Assessment Committee, for Macquarie Ward, stating that the total rental of the ward was upwards of £43,900 sterling, which £4,000 was to be paid in arrears afterwards approved, and received by the Council.

Alderman Brougham brought up a Report of the Finance Committee, recommending the liquidation of certain claims amounting in all to £8 17s. 4d., which Report being read, was afterwards approved of and received by the Council.

Mr. Davison presented a petition from Mr. John Kellick, of Margaret Place, complaining that that fine line of street had been altered as to encroach on his property, and praying that the Council would grant an injunction. After considerable discussion the petition was received, on the understanding that the allegations in the petition would be enquired into at a future day.

A letter from the Secretary of the Floral Society was read, requesting the use of shed A of the George-Street Market for the next show by that Society. The use of the shed was granted as applied for.

A letter from Mr. C. Morris, the owner of some ground in Bourke-street was read, stating that his property had been encroached on by the line of street laid down, and that unless compensation was allowed, he would commence building on the same.

The master surveyor, on the understanding that the City Surveyor would be directed to communicate with Mr. Morris on the subject, was directed to do so.

Several letters from officers in the employ of the Corporation, naming their sureties, were read and approved of.

A letter from the City Surveyor, stating that he had taken the necessary steps to remove a nuisance between the Market sheds in George-street; but that as the Improvement Committee had not yet taken action to remove the nuisance, he had been obliged to suspend further operations with respect to the nuisance referred to. The letter being read was referred to the Improvement Committee for further consideration.

Several letters from the valuers of the different wards in the City were read, requesting an extension of the time for making their returns, and the City Surveyor was directed to the proper Committee, in order that a Report might be made on the propriety of granting the delay applied for.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Mayor (in consequence of the absence of Mr. Sillitoe) enquired whether there were any objection to the following motion, of which he had given notice, being allowed to stand:—“That the City Surveyor be instructed to report to the Council, on the first day of January and first day of July in each year, the number and situation of all buildings completed in the city, within the limits of the Building Act, for the six months preceding each of these dates respectively, and to furnish a return of all the particulars relative to the same which were reported from the valuers appointed by the Council.”

Mr. Jenkins moved, and that the collectors of rates for the time being be directed to furnish the Council with the like information of all buildings beyond the limits of the said Act, in each of their Wards respectively.”

Alderman Macdormont, considering the notice of motion to be necessary, moved that the same be read.

As this motion was not seconded, the consideration of Mr. Sillitoe’s notice of motion was deferred to stand over.

LIGHTING THE CITY.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether the following notice of motion by Mr. Agars was the next in order for consideration, of which he had given notice, being allowed to stand:—“That the City Surveyor be instructed to report to the Council, on the first day of January and first day of July in each year, the number and situation of all buildings completed in the city, within the limits of the Building Act, for the six months preceding each of these dates respectively, and to furnish a return of all the particulars relative to the same which were reported from the valuers appointed by the Council.”

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Mr. Davison seconded the motion, and that, fourth, in terms of the 7th clause of the Municipal Corporation Act, this Council do order a lighting rate of one penny in the pound to be levied for the purpose of lighting the city, under the directions of a Committee to be determined upon.”

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